

Claims

I claim:

1. A leveling and marking tool for mounting items having precut mounting holes to a wall, and for making indenting marks in the wall that are in spaced apart relationship to match the precut mounting holes of the item to be mounted, the leveling and marking tool comprising:

a frame having a front surface, a back surface, a lengthwise opening, a first projected tab mounted at an end of the frame on the same axis as the lengthwise opening, a second projected tab movable in an axial direction along the lengthwise opening, threadable locking means for fixing the second projected tab in selected locations along the lengthwise opening spaced longitudinally from the first projected tab at a distance corresponding to the distance between the precut mounting holes, the first and second projected tabs each having a conical point that outwardly projects from the back surface of the frame, at least one bubble gauge mounted to the frame, and means associated with the first projected tab and the second projected tab for accurately indenting said marks in the wall.

2. The tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein the conical point of the first projected tab and the conical point of the second projected tab outwardly project an equal distance from the back surface of the frame.

3. The tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein the means for indenting the marks in the wall is performed by placing the back surface of the frame against the wall with the conical points of the first projected tab and the second projected tab in slight contact with the wall, aligning the frame against the wall, and firmly pressing the frame against the wall so that the said conical points firmly impact the wall.

4. The tool as recited in Claim 2, wherein the conical point of the first projected tab and the conical point of the second projected tab are 45 degree coned shaped points.

5. A leveling and marking tool for mounting an item having precut mounting holes to a wall, and for making marks on the wall that are in spaced apart relationship to match the precut holes of the item to be mounted, the tool comprising:

a frame having an axis, a first projected tab mounted at an end of the frame on the axis, a second projected tab moveable in an axial direction along the frame, locking means for fixing the second tab in selected locations along the frame spaced from the first projected tab at a distance corresponding to a distance between the precut mounting holes, a leveling gauge on said frame and means associated with the first and second projected tabs for making said marks in a spaced and level relationship on said wall such that the mounting holes for said item can be installed at said marks.

6. The marking and leveling tool as recited in Claim 5, wherein the first and second projected tabs each include a conical point such that said marks are indented into the wall by applying pressure.

7. The marking and leveling tool as recited in Claim 5, wherein the leveling gauge is a bubble gauge mounted in the frame of the tool.

8. The marking and leveling tool as recited in Claim 5, wherein the locking means includes threads and passes through a longitudinal slot in the frame.